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LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES®

When Mort Weisinger, editor of the DC Comics "Superman family" titles, and writer Otto Binder created a futuristic super-hero group called the Legion of Super-Heroes for use in a Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #247, dated April 1958, they had no idea that their creation would go on to become one of the company's most successful series, gaining one of the most loyal followings in the history of comics fandom. Despite its eventual popularity, however, the Legion has had a strange, almost unbelievable creative history. Many writers, artists, and editors have contributed to its mythos over the years.

The story in *Adventure Comics* #247, simply titled "The Legion of Super-Heroes," introduced three members who would form the core of the group: Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and Lightning Boy (later called Lightning Lad). These three travelled back in time to the 20th century from their world of Earth's 30th century to invite Superboy to join their ranks, and, after putting him through a series of initiation stunts, made him one of them. From today's vantage point the tale seems incredibly corny, and because no thought was given to a sequel, no origin of the team was provided, nor would be until a decade later, in *Superboy* #147.

Bowing to reader demand, editor Weisinger had the Legion pop up as guest-stars in nearly every Superman family series then being published over the next four years. With each new appearance, more Legion lore was introduced, as well as one or more new members, until by 1962 there were sixteen active members. The Legion appeared in Supergirl's series in *Action Comics* and made her a Legionnaire, and Superboy's pal Pete Ross became an honorary member, as did Superman's pal Jimmy Olsen in his super-hero guise as Elastic Lad.

By the summer of 1962 the Legion was deemed so successful by Weisinger that he decided to give them their own regular continuing feature. "Tales of the Bizarro World," then a back-up series in *Adventure Comics*, was dropped, and the 300th issue of that title, dated September 1962, cover-featured the Bizarros' replacement, " Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes." Jerry Siegel, who had scripted many earlier Legion appearances, was to write this new feature, but he was replaced (in issue #306) by science-fiction author Edmond Hamilton, although he filled in for Hamilton thereafter. The artist was John Forte, who simply switched from the Bizarro series to the Legion.

Hamilton emphasized plot over characterization in his approach to the team, and Forte's art was rather stiff, but their tenure on the strip saw it rise to new heights of popularity. With *Adventure Comics* #309, the Legion of Super-Heroes became the book's lead feature, relegating the Superboy solo stories to a series of "Hall of Fame" reprints beginning in issue #317, and then eliminating them entirely when it took over the entire magazine as of issue #346. Classic storylines such as the death of Lightning Lad appeared, as did such wonderful villains as the Time Trapper, Starfinger, and Computo the Conqueror. The Legion of Substitute Heroes and the Heroes of Lallor were also creations of the Hamilton-Forte team. Then Forte fell ill and passed away after completing issue #339, and Hamilton retired from comics scripting not long after. Weisinger was forced to assemble a new creative team, and did so with Superman artist Curt Swan and writer Jim Shooter who, at age thirteen, had already proven himself in earlier submitted scripts to Weisinger.

Shooter, who came to the Legion heavily influenced by the Marvel comics of that period (1965–66), emphasized ac-

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tion and characterization in his approach to the team. Coupled with the crisp, dynamic artwork of Swan and his inker, George Klein, he took the series to unprecedented heights of popularity. Shooter added to the mythos by introducing still more new Legion members, and by creating several of the most memorable Legion foes, as well, such as the Fatal Five and Mordru.

Although Swan soon tired of the Legion and was replaced (in issue #373) by Win Mortimer, it seemed that the group would continue in *Adventure Comics* indefinitely. However, Weisinger dropped a bombshell on readers in *Adventure Comics* #380 by announcing that Supergirl would take over the book with issue #381, while the Legion of Super-Heroes would take her back-up spot in *Action Comics*. As the Legion had replaced the Bizarros, so they too were replaced. In the long run, though, this decision proved a grave error, for *Adventure Comics* was never to regain the popularity it had enjoyed with the Legion. After Supergirl eventually graduated to her own title (albeit a short-lived one), the book was demoted to bimonthly frequency for the first time since the 1940s. Despite such varied continuing features as the Spectre, Aquaman, Plastic Man, Starman, and Dial H for Hero, *Adventure Comics* slowly declined, eventually became a digest-size reprint title, and was cancelled with issue #503, dated September 1983.

Shooter left the Legion (and comics) halfway through the team's *Action Comics* run, and, following Weisinger's retirement in 1970, the group lost even that second-rate spot. After a period in limbo, the series was taken up by editor Murray Boltinoff, who felt that it would fit well in his book, *Superboy*. The Legion still had a dedicated following, and when Boltinoff teamed artist Dave Cockrum with writer Cary Bates, the results were impressive. Cockrum brought a whole new generation of fans to the Legion, and it soon began eclipsing the *Superboy* lead feature to the point that the latter was dropped altogether, just as had happened in *Adventure Comics*. *Superboy* became the Legion's own book as of issue #197, dated September 1973, and, although it's since undergone a number of title changes, it remains so to this day.

Cockrum redesigned many of the Legionnaires' costumes, and gave the series a new look, but left after completing issue #202, and was replaced with another newcomer, Mike Grell. Jim Shooter, meanwhile, was persuaded to return to comics, and shared the Legion writing chores with Bates from issue #209 onward. (Shooter has of course since gone on to become Editor-in-Chief of Marvel Comics.)

When Joe Orlando became Managing Editor of the DC line in 1976, the entire creative team on the Legion changed. Paul Levitz and Al Milgrom became its new writer and editor, with James Sherman and a battery of others including Jack Abel, Ric Estrada, and Mike Nasser pitching in on the art. Karate Kid, the first Legionnaire (besides Superboy and Supergirl) to gain his own solo title, began his run during this period, written by Levitz and David Michelinie (under the pseudonym "Barry Jameson"), and drawn by Ric Estrada and Joe Staton.

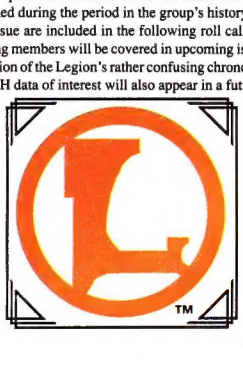
This version of the Legion title sold well enough to enable it to survive the "DC Implosion" of mass cancellations in 1978, with writer Gerry Conway and artist Joe Staton keeping the series alive after Levitz's other duties forced him to leave the scripting chores. Still more recently, Levitz returned and, with the aid of Keith Giffen and his various artistic successors, has continued to produce top-notch LSH stories.

The Legion of Super-Heroes was one of the first DC titles to be utilized in the company's "hardcover/softcover" plan, which saw it start over with issue #1, printed on higher-quality Baxter paper, while the original book, renamed *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes*, became a companion reprint series.

Please note that, as is the case with the entire series of DC Indexes, the events in the history of the Legion and its members chronicled herein are described as they happened in the DC Multiverse, which ceased to exist during the *Crisis on Infinite Earths* series, and not as they happened in the resultant single universe. Clarifications of the Legion's new role in DC history are still underway at present, and will be presented in the main text where possible.

Appearances of the Legion of Super-Heroes as a whole or of any of its members, except Superboy and Supergirl, outside the pages of their own series are noted chronologically as they occur within the body of the index. This index covers all issues including original Legion of Super-Heroes stories, and all issues reprinting Legion stories primarily or as the main feature, as well as all issues featuring major appearances of the Legion or its members published prior to the beginning of the "Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes" feature in *Adventure Comics* #300. The *Karate Kid* series and the various Legion-related mini-series are also included.

The rosters of the Legion and its related groups, the Legion of Substitute Heroes and the Legion Reserve, are so long that to include all members in this initial volume would leave no space for the main text of the book. All members who joined during the period in the group's history indexed in this issue are included in the following roll call, and the remaining members will be covered in upcoming issues. An explanation of the Legion's rather confusing chronology and other LSH data of interest will also appear in a future issue.



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THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

1. **COSMIC BOY** (Rokk Krinn); Charter Member
First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #247
Origin: *Superboy* #147; amended in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #297
Planet of origin: Braal (born on Earth of Braalian parents)
Membership: *Adventure Comics* #247 through *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12

Synopsis: Like all natives of his home planet Braal, Rokk Krinn has the power of super-magnetism, a power his people developed in order to battle the metal monsters of that world. The Krinns lived on Earth at the time Rokk was born but later returned to Braal's capital, where he grew up.

A depression occurred on Braal, and Rokk, considered an adult at fourteen, boarded a ship bound for Earth, where he hoped to cash in on his magnetic power. Also aboard the ship were Garth Ranzz, from the planet Winath, who was searching for his missing elder brother, and with whom Rokk struck up a friendship; Imra Ardeen, a pretty blonde from Titan; and R. J. Brande, one of the richest men in the universe. When the ship landed at Metropolis Spaceport on Earth, Imra's power of telepathy warned her that assassins were about to attack Brande. Thus alerted by her, Rokk used his magnetism and Garth used his lightning power to disarm the would-be killers. Impressed, Brande summoned the three youths to his office, and suggested that they form a crimefighting team, to be bankrolled by him. They all agreed, and thus the Legion of Super-Heroes was born, with Rokk taking the costumed identity of Cosmic Boy.

Cosmic Boy served as the Legion's first leader (*Adventure Comics* #247–304), and set the group's early style. He helped write the Legion Constitution, assisted by Garth (Lightning Lad) and Imra (Saturn Girl), and increased the membership from three to eighteen during his two consecutive terms in office. He later began a romance with Lydda Jath, then Night Girl of the Legion of Substitute Heroes, who idolized him. That romance has lasted to this day.

In recent times Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad, and Saturn Girl have become the "elder statesmen" of the group. They have retired from active membership and now belong to the Legion Reserve, advising the others, and finding and training new applicants.

Rokk's industrialist father Hu and younger brother Pol were recently gravely injured, while his mother Ewa was killed, in a "fireballing" incident ("fireballing" is 30th century slang for the triggering of a nuclear device in a populated area for purposes of extortion). Pol thereafter joined the Legion Academy as Magnetic Kid, and has since taken his brother's place as a full Legionnaire.

2. **SATURN GIRL** (Imra Ardeen Ranzz); Charter Member
First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #247
Origin: *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1
Planet of origin: Titan (largest moon of Saturn)
Membership: *Adventure Comics* #247 through *All-New Collector's Edition* #C-55; *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #245 through *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12

Synopsis: Imra Ardeen is a native of Titan, a moon of the planet Saturn, whose inhabitants are telepaths. Her mind-reading skill was among the best recorded there, and she was often asked to use it to serve her government. After finishing college, she set out for Earth, hoping to train at the Science Police Academy, but destiny ruled otherwise, and she ended up a charter member of the Legion of Super-Heroes as Saturn Girl (see Cosmic Boy's entry above).

Throughout her Legion career, Saturn Girl was a prominent, integral member of the team. She succeeded Cosmic Boy as leader, and served two consecutive terms (*Adventure Comics* #304–323, #323–337). So much was her superhero career a part of her life that she was considered cold and remote by her teammates as well as outsiders. Phantom Girl once dubbed her "the ice maiden" because she never betrayed emotion. Actually, her telepathy has given her a unique insight into the human mind, and she understands people better than they understand themelves.

Through extreme concentration, Saturn Girl has at times manifested the power to influence others' actions, and the power to transfer a portion of her telepathic ability temporarily to the members of the Legion of Super-Pets (other than Comet the Super-Horse and Proty II, who are already telepathic), thus enabling them to communicate with each other more easily.

She fell in love with Lightning Lad, and after a prolonged

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courtship due to their reluctance to leave the Legion after marriage, the two were wed. They were out of the group only a short time, however, as the bylaw prohibiting married Legionnaires was repealed not long thereafter. Imra eventually became pregnant with twins, and gave birth to a boy named Graym. Their other son, whom they never knew they had, was secretly kidnapped by Darkseid, and placed in the past, where he grew up to become Validus, the Fatal Five behemoth able to emit lightning from his brain. Validus has since been restored to normal and returned to the care of his parents.

Imra and Garth have again resigned from active duty to become Legion Reservists, and now delight in the cozy domesticity of parenthood.

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3. **LIGHTNING LAD** (Garth Ranzz); Charter Member

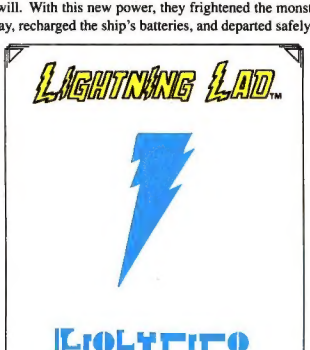
First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #247

Origin: *Superman* #147; amended in *Adventure Comics* #308

Planet of origin: Winath

Membership: *Adventure Comics* #247 through *All-New Collector's Edition* #C-55; *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #245 through *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #12

Synopsis: The three Ranzz siblings, twins Garth and Ayla and older brother Mekt, were returning to their home planet Winath from a party on another world, when the energy-cells of their space-flyer began to lose power. They landed safely on the nearest world, the wild planet Korbal, shunned by spacemen because of the lightning monsters, a strange species able to discharge electricity as a means of defense, which inhabited it. Garth had the idea of luring some of the monsters to their ship to recharge its batteries, but when they attempted this, the creatures bombarded them with bolts instead. The resulting electrical field surrounded the trio and charged their bodies, giving each the ability to emit lightning at will. With this new power, they frightened the monsters away, recharged the ship's batteries, and departed safely.



Later, Mekt disappeared. Garth boarded a ship bound for Earth, where he hoped to enlist the aid of the Science Police in finding his brother. Fate intervened, and Garth joined the newly-formed Legion of Super-Heroes as Lightning Lad (see Cosmic Boy's entry above). His quest for his brother, however, was doomed to failure, as Mekt had gone underground and would not reappear until years later, as the criminal Lightning Lord.

Lightning Lad is considered the unluckiest Legionnaire of all. He died to save Earth from Zaryan the Conqueror (*Adventure Comics* #304), and was revived when Chameleon Boy's pet, Proty, gave its life-force for him (*Adventure Comics* #312). He then encountered the Super-Moby Dick of Space and lost his right arm (*Adventure Comics* #332), which was replaced with a robot limb, and finally with a real one (*Adventure Comics* #351). In addition, his parents died some years ago, when their space-flyer was hit by a meteor (*Superboy* #207). Perhaps as a result of all this, he has been less able to handle pressure than his teammates, and unlike those of the other two charter members, his term as Legion leader (*Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #247–*Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #291) was a failure on a personal level.

Lightning Lad and Saturn Girl fell in love, and were engaged for many years, but were reluctant to tie the knot because the Legion meant so much to them. They eventually married and resigned (*All-New Collector's Edition* #C-55), only to return when the rule prohibiting married Le-

gionnaires was repealed (*Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #245). Since then, they have again retired from active duty, and now devote their time to their sons, while also serving as Legion Reservists.

4. **DUO DAMSEL** (Luornu Durgo Taine; formerly **TRIPLICATE GIRL**)
First appearance: *Action Comics* #276
Origin: *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1
Planet of origin: Cargg
Membership: *Action Comics* #276 through *Superboy* #200

Synopsis: The triple sun of Cargg gives all natives of that planet the ability to split into three identical bodies at will. With that power, Luornu Durgo, a young girl seeking excitement, came to earth and joined the newly-formed Legion of Super-Heroes as Triplicate Girl. She served the group honorably in that identity, until tragedy struck, and one of her bodies was destroyed by Computo the Conqueror (*Adventure Comics* #340). The other two survived, and from that time on she was called Duo Damsel. The trauma of losing her third self never completely left her, however, and she occasionally felt useless to the team.

As Duo Damsel, Luornu developed a crush on Superboy, a crush she knew was futile due to her knowledge of his destiny. She and Bouncing Boy eventually grew close, and when he temporarily lost his power, the two decided to marry and leave the Legion (*Superboy* #200). They chose not to rejoin when the bylaw prohibiting married Legionnaires was repealed, but have retained their Legion ties as Reservists, and currently teach applicants in the Legion Academy.

5. **PHANTOM GIRL** (Tinya Wazzo)
First appearance: *Action Comics* #276
Origin: *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1
Planet of origin: Bgztl
Membership: *Action Comics* #276 to present

Synopsis: Phantom Girl came from Bgztl, a world sharing the same space as Earth, but existing in the fourth dimension, where everyone can dematerialize and pass through solid objects at will. Not long after the Legion of Super-Heroes was formed, Tinya easily infiltrated the headquarters, and was accepted as its newest member on the condition that she would help secure them against ghostly intruders. She was friendly with Lyle Norg, the original Invisible Kid, due to the similarity of their powers.

When Ultra Boy became a fugitive after being accused of hiding a criminal past (*Adventure Comics* #316), Phantom Girl, his admirer, was the only member to believe in him. After he was cleared of the false charges, a romance blossomed between them, which still continues. Phantom Girl's father is deceased, but she has one elder brother, Gmya, who is very protective of her.

6. **CHAMELEON BOY** (Reep Daggle)
First appearance: *Action Comics* #267
Origin: *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1
Planet of origin: Durla
Membership: *Action Comics* #267 to present
Synopsis: Reep Daggle came from the planet Durla, and is one of a specific tribe of Durlans whose inhabitants are characterized by their orange skin, lack of body hair, large

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pointed ears, and antennae. The only planet of its star-sun, Durla was once the home of a highly-advanced, warlike civilization which turned its world into a barren nuclear wasteland during what is known as the "Six-Minute War." The resultant radiation mutated the Durlans and gave them the ability to adapt to their new surroundings by assuming any shape they chose. Reep's tribe does this by "reading" and memorizing an object with their antennae, and then transforming themselves into perfect copies of that object, although in most cases they do not take on the physical properties of that object. For example, Reep could transform himself into a duplicate of Superboy, but would not then assume Superboy's powers.

This ability, coupled with their alien appearance, resulted in wide-spread fear and prejudice among non-Durlans, and most Durlans in turn confine themselves to their planet and are hostile to outsiders. Durlans are now segregated into different barbaric tribes, each having adopted a distinct "characteristic" shape for use in rituals. To gain respect for his race, Reep determined to travel to Earth and join the Legion of Super-Heroes. At his try-out, Colossal Boy, a fellow applicant, dubbed him Chameleon Boy after Earth's color-changing lizard, and under that name he became a Legionnaire.

For many years Chameleon Boy was distinctive among the team for his non-human appearance. His powers made him a natural for spy work, and he is the permanent head of the Legion Espionage Squad, which includes Phantom Girl, Invisible Kid, Shrinking Violet, and any other Legionnaire Chameleon Boy chooses to draft for a particular mission. He has had no steady female relationships, although he once fell in love with and almost married Princess Elwinda of Nadir, a kingdom in another dimension (*Adventure Comics* #376). He has also been close to Janice Warren, a young Earthwoman who cared for him despite his alien looks (*Action Comics* #383). For years he had two pets, Proty I and Proty II, telepathic, protoplasmic creatures with shape-changing powers similar to his own.

It was not known until the events of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* that R. J. Brande, the Legion's benefactor, is actually a Durlan and Chameleon Boy's father. Brande's Durlan name was Ren Daggle, and shortly after Reep's birth, he, his wife, and his cousin Theg contracted deadly Yorggian fever. Reep's mother died, and Ren and Theg quarantined themselves from Durla. Journeying to Earth, they were able to transform themselves one final time before the disease took away their powers, and so took the human identities of Rene Jacques Brande and his cousin Doyle, respectively. Brande soon developed a method for creating stars and used it to become one of the wealthiest men in the universe. Doyle later amassed huge gambling debts and sent assassins to kill Brande so as to inherit Brande's money, but his scheme failed thanks to the intervention of the Legion's three charter members, and he later died of the fever in prison. Reep was raised by Ren Daggle's sister Ji, Reep's aunt. When the Yorggian fever, which had been in remission, flared up again in Brande, Reep was told that Brande was his father—a secret that Brande had kept for years—and saved his life with a blood transfusion. Reep was stunned to learn of his true parentage and took a while to adjust, but has since developed a close father-son relationship with Brande.

Reep's original intent in joining the Legion has not yet come to pass, however, as Durlans are still regarded with suspicion throughout the galaxy.

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7. **INVISIBLE KID I** (Lyle Norg)
First appearance: *Action Comics* #267
Origin: *Superboy* #173
Planet of origin: Earth
Membership: *Action Comics* #267 through *Superboy* #203

Synopsis: Lyle Norg, a young scientific genius, set out to invent an invisibility serum. The potion he finally perfected allowed him to partially or completely vanish at will, and cast an aura around his body which made his clothing disappear as well. With this power he joined the Legion of Super-Heroes as Invisible Kid.

He was one of the team's less-utilized members in its early years, but leapt to prominence when he became Legion leader (*Adventure Comics* #348–370). He and Chemical King were good friends; tragically, both would later die to save their teammates. He was also close to Phantom Girl due to the similar nature of their powers.

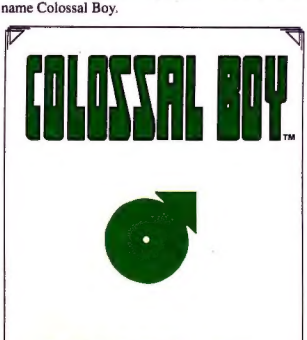
His fellow Legionnaires eventually learned that Invisible Kid's power enabled him to visit a realm inhabited by a ghost named Myla, whom he loved. When electric components from Tharok, leader of the Fatal Five, reassembled into a self-made brain in Legion Headquarters, and sum-

moned the gargantuan Validus to attack the heroes, Invisible Kid succeeded in destroying the components, but not before the monster crushed him to death (*Superboy* #203). His comrades believed him to be united with his dead love.

Jacques Foccart, the new Invisible Kid, supposedly visited Lyle's invisible realm and met him (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #299), and when Lyle reappeared in the headquarters a short time later, the team thought he lived again. This, however, proved to be the work of the "master" of that dimension, who fed on their subconscious desires and made them reality (*Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #317). Jacques, who had felt uncomfortable filling Lyle's shoes, has paid tribute to his predecessor by having Wildfire light an eternal flame at his predecessor's grave on Shanghalla, the cemetery asteroid.

8. **COLOSSAL BOY** (Gim Allon)
First appearance: *Action Comics* #267
Origin: *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1
Planet of origin: Earth
Membership: *Action Comics* #267 to present

Synopsis: Born in the region of Earth once called Israel, Gim Allon lived in Jerusalem, and spent his summers working at collective farms called kibbutzim before attending the Science Police Training Academy. While on vacation on the planet Mars, he was hiking alone through a deserted valley when a strange glowing meteor struck the ground near him. The radiation it emitted gave him the ability to grow to varying gigantic sizes at will. His physical strength increases proportionally with his height, but the exact limits of his powers are as yet unknown. Gim's parents, Wynn and Marte Allon, felt he could best use his new ability in the Legion of Super-Heroes, so he applied and was accepted under the name Colossal Boy.



During much of his Legion career, he nursed a secret crush on Shrinking Violet. When he finally admitted it to her, the real Violet had been kidnapped and replaced by a Durlan actress named Yera, an innocent dupe of radicals from Violet's home planet. She responded in kind, and the two married. When the ruse was later exposed, Gim realized that he loved Yera, and not Violet, and reaffirmed their marriage.

Gim's mother, Marte Allon, served as President of Earth for several years, but recently resigned that position to return to teaching political science at Metropolis University.

9. **STAR BOY** (Thom Kallor)
First appearance: *Adventure Comics* #282
Origin: *Adventure Comics* #282; amended in *Adventure Comics* #317
Planet of origin: Xanthu
Membership: *Adventure Comics* #282–342; *Adventure Comics* #351 to present

Synopsis: Thom Kallor was born in an orbital space-observatory, the son of Fryd and Mira Kallor, astronomers from the planet Xanthu. The high concentration of stellar energy that his parents collected for experimentation affected him so that he was given the ability to draw mass from the stars and induce it in any object, making it super-heavy.

Later, as a teenager, he flew his spacemobile through the tail of a comet, which gave him powers roughly equal to Superboy's (his X-ray vision was unable to see through copper, rather than through lead), plus one additional power—electrical vision. With those powers he joined the Legion

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of Super-Heroes as Star Boy. They later wore off, leaving him with his original ability with which he has remained a Legionnaire.

Shortly after joining, Star Boy was put on detached duty, serving on a top-secret solo mission, the details of which were not revealed until years later (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306). Upon his return he met Dream Girl, who first encountered the team at that time, and quickly fell in love with her. Some time later he crossed paths with Kenz Nuhor, from Dream Girl's home planet, who also loved her. She wouldn't marry him because she loved Star Boy, so he vowed to track down his rival and kill him. Instead, Star Boy killed Nuhor in self-defense, thus breaking the Legion code against killing, and was expelled after a trial by the other members. He then joined Dream Girl in the Legion of Substitute Heroes, and regained his Legion membership not long after.

In recent times Star Boy has taken to wearing a beard; in fact, he is the only current hirsute member.

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10. **SUPERGIRL** (Linda Lee Danvers; born Kara Zor-El)
First appearance: *Action Comics* #252
Origin: *Action Comics* #252
Planet of origin: Argo City (surviving community of planet Krypton)
Bases of operations (20th century Earth): Midvale (a suburb of Metropolis); Stanhope University; San Francisco; Santa Augusta, Florida; New York; and Chicago
Membership: *Action Comics* #276 through *Superboy* #204
Synopsis: Supergirl, like her cousin Superboy, gained her powers from the environment of Earth (see Superboy's entry), having been born in Argo City, a community of the doomed planet Krypton which survived its explosion. When Argo City was destroyed, she survived, sent to Earth in a rocket by her parents, Zor-El and Alura. It was later revealed that her parents had also survived. Her cousin, now known as Superman, trained her in the use of her powers and established her secret identity as orphan Linda Lee. Linda was later adopted by an Earth couple, Fred and Edna Danvers.

Because their original Time Bubble was initially calibrated for a journey one thousand years into the past, the members of the Legion of Super-Heroes decided first to ask Supergirl, rather than her cousin Superboy (whose youth was in a somewhat earlier time-period), to try out for their group. She accepted, and almost won membership (*Action Comics* #267), but was rejected because she encountered Red Kryptonite, which temporarily aged her past the 18-year-old limit for new members. Invited to try again later, she was successful, and became a Legionnaire at the same time as Brainiac 5 (*Action Comics* #276), her fervent admirer.

Supergirl's 20th century life soon took up most of her time, and she attended Legion meetings only sporadically before finally resigning her membership completely. She recently gave her life to save her cousin and other heroes during the events of *Crisis on Infinite Earths*.

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11. **BRAINIAC 5** (Querl Dox)
First appearance: *Action Comics* #276
Origin: *Action Comics* #276; amended in *Superman* #167

Synopsis: The Legion of Super-Heroes

Planet of origin: Colu (also known as Yod)
Membership: *Action Comics* #276 to present

Synopsis: Over one thousand years before the Legion's time, scientists on the planet Colu invented computers with superior tenth-level-effector brains (the human brain being a sixth-level-effector). These computers rebelled against their creators, conquered Colu, and began making plans for the conquest of the universe. They built a humanoid computer, the original Brainiac, to spy for them, and forced a boy named Vril Dox to masquerade as his son, Brainiac II, to reinforce Brainiac's illusion of humanity. Vril escaped and used his knowledge of the computers to raise his own intelligence to a twelfth-level-effector, then led his people in revolt while the spy was away, and destroyed the computers. His world's hero, Vril lived a long, happy life (the green-skinned Colutians live much longer than Earthlings), and passed on his superior intelligence to his descendents, Pran, Kajz, and Querl.

Querl applied to and joined the Legion of Super-Heroes, taking the name "Brainiac 5" out of defiance. His "computer mind" enables him to solve the most difficult problems in seconds, and he has rendered invaluable services to the team in various ways. His inventions include the Legion flight rings, a permanent cure for Mon-El's lead poisoning, and an impenetrable force-shield similar to the original Brainiac's, which he wears as a belt device. Computo, the renegade computer which once almost conquered Earth and now serves as major-domo of Legion HQ, is another of his creations. (Computo's second battle with the Legion destroyed their second headquarters; as major-domo, he built the third one in seconds.)

Brainiac 5 served one term as Legion leader (*Adventure Comics* #337–348). Not long ago, he suffered a major mental breakdown brought on by long-hidden feelings of stress, disappointment, and alienation. He has since recovered, and continues to serve the team as an integral member. For many years he pursued a frustrated, often one-sided romance with Supergirl until her death in *Crisis on Infinite Earths*.

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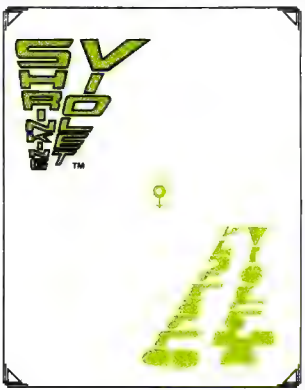
12. **SHRINKING VIOLET** (Salu Digby)
First appearance: *Action Comics* #276
Origin: *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2
Planet of origin: Imsk (born on Earth of Imskian parents)
Membership: Shortly after *Action Comics* #276 to present



Synopsis: Salu Digby, the daughter of Arn Digby, came from Imsk, a planet whose people evolved the power to shrink to tiny size, from several inches tall to submicroscopic. A planet of the star-sun Irulan, Imsk was settled as a Krill colony over a million years ago. The colonists thrived, until the planet suddenly began to shrink, a cycle that lasts for ninety days every ten years. Everything shrank except the humans, who nearly died of starvation. In desperation, their scientist-leader extracted a peculiar energy from Imsk's radioactive boulders and imbued his people with it, altering their genetic structure and causing them to reduce in size. Shrinking became a hereditary ability, although to this day Imskians require a yearly exposure to the radiation or they will lose their ability within a generation, and die. As the boulders were eaten by space dragons a thousand years ago and lodged in their digestive tracts, Shrinking Violet's people hunt the lizards for their scales, which now contain that radiation and regrow when removed.

Salu auditioned for membership in the Legion of Super-Heroes along with Sun Boy and Bouncing Boy, and was admitted on her second try. "Shrinking Violet" was an apt name for Salu in the early years of her Legion member-

ship, reflecting her personality as well as her power. When the team first encountered the Heroes of Lallor (*Adventure Comics* #324), she met Duplicate Boy, and the two fell in love. They were not able to see each other as often as they would have liked, however, due to the great distances separating them.

Recently, Shrinking Violet was kidnapped by terrorists on Imsk, and secretly replaced in the Legion by a Durlan actress named Yera. Colossal Boy, who for years had nurtured a crush on her, admitted it to Violet/Yera, and the two were secretly married. When the Legion discovered the ruse and rescued the real Violet, Gim discovered he loved Yera instead. The kidnapping experience left its scars on Violet, which still show. She has since broken up with Duplicate Boy, and now displays a belligerent, aggressive attitude toward her teammates.

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13. **SUPERBOY** (Clark Kent; born Kal-El)

First appearance: *Action Comics* #1 (as Superman; also of the Earth-2 hero); *More Fun Comics* #101 (as Superboy—this is the earliest story which definitely involves Superboy of Earth-1; neither Superman of Earth-2 nor Superman of the current post-*Crisis on Infinite Earths* universe had a Superboy career)

Origin: *Superman* #146 (definitive version for the Earth-1 hero)

Planet of origin: Krypton

Base of operations (20th century Earth): Smallville

Membership: *Adventure Comics* #247 through *Action Comics* #387; *Superboy* #200 through *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #259; *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #282 to present

Synopsis: Superboy is a survivor of Krypton, a planet of a red sun which exploded in the 20th century. Sent to Earth as a toddler in a rocket designed by his father, Jor-El, a leading Kryptonian scientist who predicted his planet's destruction, Kal-El was adopted by an Earth couple, Jonathan and Martha Kent, and grew to become Earth's most famous super-hero. The environment of Earth gives Kryptonians superhuman powers due to the lesser gravity and yellow solar radiation. These powers include super-strength, super-speed, super-senses, flight, and invulnerability (except to the radioactive element Kryptonite, red solar radiation, and the effects of magic).

As one of the galaxy's legendary heroes, Superboy was an early inspiration to the Legion of Super-Heroes (indeed, R. J. Brande used him and Supergirl as examples when the team was first formed), so it was natural that, despite his existing in a distant past era, he would be asked to join their ranks. This came to pass when the Legionnaires time-travelled to 20th century Smallville and inducted the Boy of Steel (*Adventure Comics* #247), who became an extremely active member of the group. He was summoned to the 30th century by special Legion statuettes that lit up whenever he was needed. Early in his Legion career he was given a post-hypnotic suggestion by Saturn Girl (later reinforced by Supergirl) which caused him to forget any details of his future life learned in that time upon his return to his own era.

When the Legion learned that they had to drop one member or pay taxes, as all private clubs on Earth with more than twenty-five members must, Superboy selflessly resigned (*Action Comics* #287). He became a full-time member again (*Superboy* #200), only to depart a second time when Saturn Girl gave him another command not to return to them (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #259). That command was lifted following the adventure involving Reflecto (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #277–282), and Superboy again became a part-time member.

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14. **SUN BOY** (Dirk Morgna)

First appearance: *Action Comics* #276

Origin: *Adventure Comics* #290; amended in *Adventure Comics* #348

Planet of origin: Earth

Membership: *Adventure Comics* #290 to present

Synopsis: Dirk Morgna's father Derek was in charge of an atomic plant where Dirk worked after school. A top scientist at the plant, Dr. Zaxton Regulus, was working on a private project involving the production of multiplied sun-energy from radioactive gold. When Dirk and another errand boy, Zarl Hedricks, entered his room to deliver supplies, Regulus became distracted and his experiment exploded. The other boy was killed, Dirk was injured, and Regulus was fired. He blamed the accident on Dirk and swore revenge—a threat

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he carried out one night at the plant, when he had robots knock Dirk unconcious and leave him in an atomic reactor to die. Instead of killing him, however, the radiation was absorbed by Dirk's body so that he gained the power to emit tremendous heat and light at will. He then applied to join the Legion of Super-Heroes as Sun Boy.

Dr. Regulus has gone on to attack the Legion, and Sun Boy in particular, on a number of occasions. Being somewhat of a ladies' man, Dirk has never had a steady girl friend.

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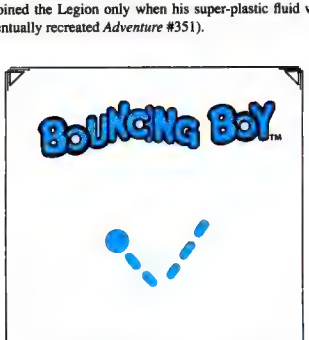
15. **BOUNCING BOY** (Chuck Taine)
First appearance: *Action Comics* #276
Origin: *Adventure Comics* #301
Planet of origin: Earth
Membership: *Action Comics* #287 through *Adventure Comics* #321; *Adventure Comics* #351 through *Superboy* #200

Synopsis: The errand boy of a famed Earth scientist, Chuck Taine was instructed to deliver a bottle of super-plastic fluid to the Science Council. En route, he stopped to watch a robot gladiator tournament and bought a bottle of soda pop. In the excitement of the match, he accidentally picked up the wrong bottle, drank it, and immediately began to expand like a balloon. (His clothing, later his costume, was made of stretchable fibre.) He lost his balance, and bounced into the arena, ruining the tournament. It turned out that the super-plastic fluid had given Chuck the ability to inflate and bounce like a rubber ball at will, with no ill effects. With this new power he tried out for the Legion of Super-Heroes, and was rejected, but persisted, becoming a member on his third attempt.

Naturally chubby, Bouncing Boy saw himself as the Legion's comic relief, its self-appointed "chief of morale"—a role designed to cover up feelings of inadequacy as the least useful Legionnaire. Like so many of the others, he has known tragedy. He once accidentally bounced in front of a matter-shrinking projector, which slimmed him down but also caused the loss of his power, and his membership (*Adventure Comics* #321). He became a Legion Reservist, and rejoined the Legion only when his super-plastic fluid was eventually recreated *Adventure* #351).



As time went on he and Duo Damsel became very close, and when he lost his power a second time under never-explained circumstances, the two resigned to become the Legion's first married couple (*Superboy* #200). Although Bouncing Boy has since regained his power, the Taines have remained Reservists, choosing not to rejoin when the rule prohibiting married Legionnaires was repealed. Today, the couple spend their time instructing applicants at the Legion Academy.

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16. **ULTRA BOY** (Jo Nah)
First appearance: *Superboy* #98
Origin: *Superboy* #98
Planet of origin: Rimbor
Membership: *Superboy* #98 to present

Synopsis: Jo Nah, the son of Crav and Mytra Nah of the planet Rimbor, was joy-riding through space when his speedster was swallowed by a huge energy-beast. A galactic

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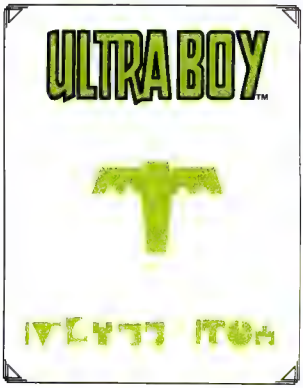
patrol cruiser saw his peril and sliced open the creature with a ray, freeing him, but not before radiations from the beast had given him ultra-energy powers comparable to Superboy's: ultra-strength, invulnerability, penetra-vision (which can see even through lead), flash vision (which can melt even lead), and flight. Unlike the Boy of Steel, however, he can use only one power at a time, and his powers can be neutralized by certain types of radiation.

Jo sought to join the Legion of Super-Heroes as Ultra Boy, and was sent to 20th century Smallville to discover Superboy's secret identity as an initiation test. He passed, and became a Legionnaire. In the course of the test he became friendly with Superboy's pal, Pete Ross, and made him an honorary Legionnaire for his loyalty in concealing his own knowledge of Superboy's secret.



When he was thought to be a renegade and became a fugitive (*Adventure Comics* #316), Phantom Girl, his admirer, was the only team member to support him. After he was cleared of these false charges, the two began a steady romance which continues to this day.

Ultra Boy served two terms as Legion leader (*Adventure Comics* #371–*Action Comics* #381, *Superboy* #184-190). Not long ago, his comrades believed he had died at the hands of Pulsar Stargrave, but he was eventually found alive, and rejoined the team (*Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #274-280).

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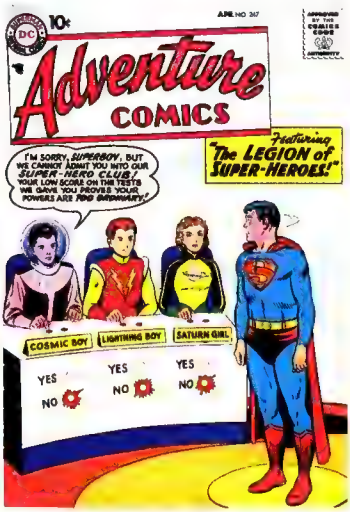
April 1958

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Stan Kaye** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**



FIRST STORY

"The Legion of Super-Heroes" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Otto Binder**
Penciler, inker: **Al Plastino**
Letterer: **unknown**

Feature Character

Superboy (last seen in *Superboy* #64; appears in flashback in *Superboy* #204 between pages 10 and 11 of this story; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Guest Stars

Cosmic Boy (Rokk Krinn; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in issue #290; ap-

pears in flashback in the first story in *Superboy* #204 in between pages 10 and 11 of this story; next chronological appearance in flashback in issue #323)

Saturn Girl (Imra Ardeen; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in issue #290; appears in flashback in the first story in *Superboy* #204 in between pages 10 and 11 of this story; next chronological appearance in flashback in issue #323)

Lightning Lad (Garth Ranzz; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; called "Lightning Boy" in this story; first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in issue #290; appears in flashback in the first story in *Superboy* #204 in between pages 10 and 11 of this story; next chronological appearance in flashback in issue #323)

Supporting Character

Jonathan Kent (in between *Superboy* #63 and #65)

Guest Appearances

Triplicate Girl (Luornu Durgo; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276, which is her first appearance; behind-the-scenes presence in this story revealed in flashback in issue #323, which is her next chronological appearance)

Phantom Girl (Tinya Wazzo; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; last chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in issue #290; first appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; mostly behind the scenes in this story (see Comment below); appears in flashback in the first story in *Superboy* #204 in between pages 10 and 11 of this story; next chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #290)

Chameleon Boy (Reep Daggle; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; last chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in issue #290; first appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #267; appears in flashback in the first story in *Superboy* #204 in between pages 10 and 11 of this story; behind-the-scenes presence in this story revealed in flashback in issue #323, which is his next chronological appearance)

Invisible Kid (Lyle Norg; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #267, which is his first appearance; behind-the-scenes presence in this story revealed in flashback in issue #323, which is his next chronological appearance)

Colossal Boy (Gim Allon; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #267, which is his first appearance; appears in flashback in the first story in *Superboy* #204 in between pages 10 and 11 of this story; behind-the-scenes presence in this story revealed in flashback in issue #323, which is his next chronological appearance)

Brainiac 5 (Querl Dox; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; the great-great-grandson of Brainiac by adoption (identity revealed in his first appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; adoption revealed in *Superman* #167); last chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in issue #290; first appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; appears in flashback in the first story in *Superboy* #204 in between pages 10 and 11 of this story; behind-the-scenes presence in this story revealed in flashback in issue #323, which is his next chronological appearance)

Shrinking Violet (Salu Digby; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276, which is her first appearance; mostly behind the scenes in this story (see Comment below); teamed with Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, and the above six characters as the **Legion of Super-Heroes**; next chronological appearance in *Superman* #156)

Other Characters

Unnamed 30th century science professor, park employee, soda parlor employee, and **college students** (first and only appearance for all to date)

Several unnamed Legion applicants (first and only appearance of all to date)

Comments

Although Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and Lightning Lad (Boy) are the only Legionnaires shown clearly in the story, several other unnamed members are in evidence. Since no members resembling some of these characters have ever appeared in subsequent stories, some must merely be unsuccessful membership applicants. As shown in issue #323 in a flashback to Superboy's induction at the end of this story, Triplicate Girl, Chameleon Boy, Invisible Kid, Colossal Boy, and Brainiac 5 are among those present behind the scenes. The presence of Brainiac 5, who joined the Legion at the same time as Supergirl, indicates that this story takes place some time after the Supergirl story in Action Comics #276, in which Supergirl and Brainiac 5 are inducted. Since one panel in this story shows three female members (presumably not unknown applicants) other than Saturn Girl, and since Superboy does not react as he would to the appearance of Supergirl, Phantom Girl and Shrinking Violet must be the other two females present.

As revealed in a flashback in the first story in *Superboy* #204, which occurs in between pages 10 and 11 of this story, the Legionnaires first give Superboy an initiation test which, because of an alteration of the timestream, the Boy of Steel fails. The Legion then decides to give him another chance, and Saturn Girl presumably causes Superboy to forget their earlier meeting. To avoid jogging his memory, Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and Lightning Lad wear the first costumes they were given (revealed as such in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #297) in this story, rather than their more

familiar uniforms. With the alteration in the timestream corrected, however, no one involved remembers that Superboy was initiated twice, and his first "failed" initiation test becomes the deliberately engineered "failure" recounted in this story.

Cosmic Boy's power is incorrectly shown radiating from his eyes, rather than his hands, in this story.

Lightning Lad cannot "throw" lightning bolts in this story; rather, they occur when he claps his hands.

There is no villain in this story, as the Legion of Super-Heroes appears to enlist Superboy as a member.

Synopsis

One day in Smallville, Superboy encounters three superyouths from the 30th century, Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and Lightning Boy, who invite him to join their super-hero club. Taking him to their time, each of the three in turn takes him on in a test of super-skill. However, during each test, Superboy is sidetracked by other, more important missions. Consequently, he fails all three tests and is rejected for membership. When he takes his defeat like a good sport, the Legionnaires confess that they had engineered each diversion deliberately and lured the Boy of Steel from victory to see whether or not he could take defeat with a smile. In the end, the heroes from the future cheer him for passing his initiation and admit him into the Legion.

SECOND STORY

"The Thirteen Superstition Arrows" (6 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Green Arrow

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

THIRD STORY

"Aquaman's Super Sea-Squad" (6 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Ramona Fradon**
Inker: **Charles Paris**
Letterer: **unknown**

Feature Character

Aquaman

Comment

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Adventure Comics #267

December 1959

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Stan Kaye** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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COMICS
"PRISONER OF THE SUPER-HEROES!"
WHAT A TWIST! EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET HAS SUPER-POWERS EXCEPT THIS CRIMINAL, SUPERBOY!
AND THIS KRYPTONITE JAIL WE'RE BUILDING WILL KEEP HIM CAPTIVE FOREVER!
Featuring, COSMIC BOY... SATURN GIRL... LIGHTNING LAD!

FIRST STORY

"Prisoner of the Super-Heroes" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy (in between *Superboy* #77 and #78)

Guest Stars

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and **Lightning Lad** (last chronological appearance of all three in flashback in issue #323; teamed as the **Legion of Super-Heroes** in this story; next chronological appearance of all three in *Superboy* #86)

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Supporting Characters

Jonathan and **Martha Kent** (both in between *Superboy* #77 and #78)

Krypto (last seen in *Superboy* #77; appears next in the Superboy story in the next issue)

Villains

An unnamed escaped prisoner (first and only appearance to date)

A subterranean creature (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

The Mayor of Smallville (first and only appearance to date of this particular mayor; last appearance of a Smallville mayor in the third story in *Superboy* #76; next appearance of a Smallville mayor in issue #271)

The citizens of Smallville (in between *Superboy* #77 and #78)

An unnamed police detective (first and only appearance to date)

A group of unnamed super-heroes from other 20th century worlds (first and only appearance to date for all)

The President of the United States (behind the scenes)

Comments

Cosmic Boy's power is incorrectly shown radiating from his eyes, rather than his hands, in this story.

Saturn Girl is incorrectly depicted as a brunette in this story, and her costume is colored purple and white, not red and white; moreover, on the cover, she is erroneously shown casting lightning bolts from her eyes.

The element "Sigellian" introduced in this story is named after the story's writer, Jerry Siegel.

Synopsis

Superboy is surprised to discover that Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl and Lightning Lad have travelled back to the 20th century for no other apparent reason than to make him look bad by beating him to the punch with each and every single super-feat he tries. Eventually the whole town of Smallville turns against him, and Superboy exiles himself into space.

There, he comes across a crowd of super-beings on their way through space. Following them, the Boy of Steel finds himself on a new world known as the Superboy Planet, but is immediately thrown into a Kryptonite jail cell by the Legionnaires, who eventually explain the circumstances of his confinement. They tell him that they had come to the past and enlisted the super-heroes of several worlds to build a planet to honor Superboy. While there, however, the Legion used their Futurescope to check Superboy's future and saw him deliberately destroying an airstrip, a ship, and a factory. Afraid that he would become a super-outlaw, Saturn Girl used her powers to force the citizens of Smallville to ostracize him and trick him into being captured.

Eventually, an explosion frees Superboy, and releases a deadly element from which he rescues the Legionnaires. When Saturn Girl picks up a radio message from the President of the United States which frees him from his "security oath," Superboy reveals that the Futurescope had accidentally tuned in on the present, and had shown him destroying poisonous gas for the government, a mission cloaked by national security.

Exonerated, Superboy is honored by the super-heroes.

SECOND STORY

"The Manhunt On Land" (7 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Ramona Fradon**
Inker: **Charles Paris**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Aquaman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

THIRD STORY

"The Underwater Archers" (7 Pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **Lee Elias**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Green Arrow

Comment

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Action Comics #267

August 1960

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Stan Kaye** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"Hercules in the 20th Century" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Otto Binder**
Penciler: **Wayne Boring**
Inker: **Stan Kaye**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"The Three Super-Heroes" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **Jim Mooney**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Supergirl (last seen in *Superman* #139)

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ACTION COMICS
Featuring HERCULES in the 20th CENTURY!
LOIS LANE TURNED ME DOWN FOR THIS MODERN HERO THEY CALL SUPERMAN! BUT I'LL CRUSH HIM WITH THE MAGIC POWERS THE ANCIENT GODS GAVE ME!
METROPOLIS
CHARITY DRIVE

Guest Stars

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and **Lightning Lad** (last chronological appearance of all three in flashback on page 19 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1; next chronological appearance of all three in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #282)

Chameleon Boy (first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Adventure Comics* #323; next chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #282)

Invisible Kid (first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Adventure Comics* #323; costume miscolored in this story; next chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #247)

Colossal Boy (first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Adventure Comics* #323; teamed with the above five characters as the **Legion of Super-Heroes**; next chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306)

Guest Appearances

Superman (last seen in *Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane* #19; appears next in *World's Finest Comics* #111)

Star Boy (Thom Kallor; real name revealed in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #282, which is his first appearance; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes, behind the scenes, in this story; see fourth Comment below; next chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306)

Other Characters

Children from Midvale Orphanage

An unnamed bus driver (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

There is no villain in this story, as Supergirl attempts to join the Legion of Super-Heroes.

For some unexplained reason, the Legionnaires identify themselves as the sons and daughters of the original Legion members in this story. They also erroneously claim that all members inherited their powers from their extraterrestrial parents.

The Legion's 18-year-old age limit for new members is first mentioned in this story.

When Supergirl is refused membership in this story, Cosmic Boy mentions that "someone else" has been admitted in her place. Contrary to the account in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1, this new member is not Chameleon Boy, who is already a member in this story. By process of elimination, the member in question can only be Star Boy.

Synopsis

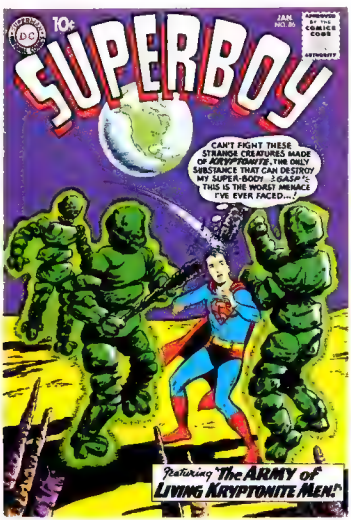
In events paralleling (and from the Legion's point-of-view, preceding) the initiation of Superboy, the Legion of Super-Heroes approaches Supergirl for membership, and brings her to the 30th century. There, she proves her worthiness by creating a trans-Earth tunnel that will lighten air traffic. Unfortunately, in doing so she encounters a piece of Red Kryptonite that temporarily transforms her into an adult. She is refused membership on the grounds that she

now exceeds their 18-year-old age limit.

Heartbroken, Supergirl is forced to return home and wait for the transformation to end, and to wonder if she'll have another chance at Legion membership.

Superboy #86
January 1961

Cover Credits
Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Stan Kaye** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**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SUPERBOY
CAN'T FIGHT THESE STRANGE CREATURES MADE OF KRYPTONITE, THE ONLY SUBSTANCE THAT CAN DESTROY MY SUPER-BODY! GASP!.. THIS IS THE WORST MENACE I'VE EVER FACED...!
Featuring The ARMY of LIVING KRYPTONITE MEN!

FIRST STORY
"The Super-Coward" (9 pages)

Credits
Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **Al Plastino**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Comment
This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Superboy*.

SECOND STORY
"The Boy Who Betrayed Clark Kent" (8 pages)

Credits
Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Leo Dorfman**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Comment
This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Superboy*.

THIRD STORY
"The Army of Living Kryptonite Men" (8 pages)

Credits
Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Guest Stars
Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and **Lightning Lad** (last chronological appearance of all three in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #267; teamed as the **Legion of Super-Heroes**; all appear next in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #290)

Supporting Characters
Jonathan Kent (last seen in the second story in this issue; appears next in *Adventure Comics* #280)

Lana Lang (last seen in the first story in this issue; appears next in *Adventure Comics* #280)

Krypto

Villains
Lex Luthor (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #271; appears next in issue #92) and **the Kryptonite Men** (first and only appearance to date; creations of Luthor)

Comment
Luthor portends the existence of the Legion of Super-Villains in this story.

Synopsis
Lex Luthor, who has created a helmet that allows him to animate stone, lures Superboy to a remote asteroid and attacks him with "living" Kryptonite men. However, the Legion of Super-Heroes, which has been monitoring the battle from the future, sends Lightning Lad to rescue the Boy of Steel and help him defeat the teenage scientist.

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Adventure Comics #282
March 1961

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Stan Kaye** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"Lana Lang and the Legion of Super-Heroes" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Otto Binder**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy (in between *Superboy* #87 and #88)

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Featuring LANA LANG AND THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES!
LANA...YOU ARE THE FAIREST DAMSEL IN ALL NINE WORLDS! I MADE YOU A FLAME-CLOTH DRESS... NOW I BRING YOU THESE JEWELS! WHAT DO YOU WISH MILK?
SUPER-BOY IS TREATING ME LIKE A QUEEN... YET SUPER-BOY ISN'T JEALOUS ONE BIT! THAT GIRL FROM THE FUTURE HAS MADE HIM FORGET ME COMPLETELY!

Guest Star

Star Boy (first appearance; origin revealed in part; last and next chronological appearances in flashbacks in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306)

Supporting Characters

Jonathan Kent and **Lana Lang** (both in between *Superboy* #87 and #88)

Professor Lang (in between *Superboy* #86 and #88)

Mrs. Lang (last seen in issue #279; appears next in issue #285)

Villains

Two unnamed Xanthusian criminals (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearances

Cosmic Boy (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #267; next chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276)

Saturn Girl (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #267; next chronological appearance in flashback on page 24, panel 6 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1)

Lightning Lad (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #267; mistakenly called Lightning Boy in this story; next chronological appearance in flashback on page 9, panel 4 of issue #301)

Triplicate Girl (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #295; mistakenly depicted with blond hair in this story; mostly behind the scenes in this story; identity revealed in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306; next chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276)

Chameleon Boy (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #267; next chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276, as revealed in flashback in issue #301)

Colossal Boy (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #267; mistakenly depicted with reddish hair in this story; mostly behind the scenes in this story; identity revealed in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306; teamed with Star Boy and the above five characters as the **Legion of Super-Heroes**, all of whom appear in flashback to Star Boy's induction (see Comment below); next chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in issue #247)

Other Characters

Fryd and **Mira Kallor** (first names revealed in their last chronological appearance in flashback in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306; first appearance; Star Boy's parents; appear in flashback to Star Boy's origin; both appear next in issue #356)

Zynthia (last name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; Star Boy's girl friend)

Patients of Smallville Hospital (first and only appearance to date)

A parakat (first and only appearance to date; a feline creature of planet Xanthu)

Comments

The flashback to Star Boy's induction in this story takes place immediately following the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #267. By process of elimination, Star Boy must be the new member inducted instead of Supergirl when she fails her first initiation test in that story.

This story is based in part on "Lana Lang's Romance on Mars" in issue #195.

Synopsis

Outside Smallville, Superboy meets Star Boy, a Legionnaire from the future, with powers similar to his own. Star Boy explains that he has come to capture two criminals who have fled to 20th century Earth. He has already caught one, and enlists the aid of the Boy of Steel to snare the other, but not before Lana Lang overhears their conversation and Star Boy's reference to his secret identity. She waits for Superboy to leave, then approaches the Legionnaire and tells him that she will reveal his secret to the imprisoned criminal unless he makes Superboy jealous by pretending to fall in love with her and taking her with him to Xanthu.

However, Superboy learns of her scheme, and, after helping Star Boy and Lana trail the second criminal to Xanthu, turns the tables on her by pretending to be interested in Star Boy's girlfriend Zynthia. Defeated, Lana confesses her plot, and is brought back home.

SECOND STORY

"One Hour to Doom" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Ramona Fradon**
Inker: **Charles Paris**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Aquaman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

Action Comics #276

May 1961

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Stan Kaye** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The War Between Supergirl and the Superman Emergency Squad"
(13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Wayne Boring**
Inker: **Stan Kaye**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"Supergirl's Three Super Girl-Friends" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **Jim Mooney**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

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featuring "The War Between Supergirl and the Superman Emergency Squad!"
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, SUPERMAN! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT "SPACIES"—AND "STONES"—CAN'T HARM A SUPERGIRL?

Feature Character

Supergirl (last seen in the first story in this issue; appears in flashback on page 2, panel 6 of *Secrets of the Legion*

of Super-Heroes #2 between page 9, panels 2 and 3 of this story; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story)

Guest Stars

Cosmic Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #282; appears in flashback on page 2, panel 5 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2 between page 8, panels 5 and 6 of this story; then appears in flashback on page 9, panel 6 of *Adventure Comics* #301 between page 8, panel 6, and page 9, panel 1 of this story; then appears in flashback on page 2, panel 6 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2 between page 9, panels 2 and 3 of this story; next chronological appearance in flashback on page 10, panel 6 of *Adventure Comics* #301)

Saturn Girl (last chronological appearance in flashback on page 4, panel 6 of *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #306; appears in flashback on page 9, panel 6 of *Adventure Comics* #301 between page 8, panel 6, and page 9, panel 1 of this story; then appears in flashback on page 2, panel 6 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2 between page 9, panels 2 and 3 of this story; next chronological appearance in flashback on page 10, panel 6 of *Adventure Comics* #301)

Lightning Lad (last chronological appearance in flashback on page 9, panel 4 of *Adventure Comics* #301; appears in flashback on page 2, panel 6 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2 between page 9, panels 2 and 3 of this story; next chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #290)

Triplicate Girl (first appearance; last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #282; next chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #247)

Phantom Girl (first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback on pages 14-18 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1; next chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #290)

Chameleon Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #282; behind-the-scenes presence in this story revealed in flashback on page 9, panel 5 of *Adventure Comics* #301; next chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #290)

Colossal Boy (last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #282; behind-the-scenes presence in this story revealed in flashback on page 2, panel 4 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2; teamed with the above six characters as the **Legion of Super-Heroes**; next chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #247)

Brainiac 5 (first appearance; mistakenly called the great-great-great-great-grandson, rather than the great-great-grandson of Brainiac (by adoption) in this story; origin revealed in part; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes* #256; appears in flashback on page 2, panel 5 of *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #2 between page 8, panels 5 and 6 of this story; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; next chronological appearance in flashback in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #290)

Shrinking Violet (first appearance; a Legion applicant; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes shortly after this story; next chronological appearance, as a Legionnaire, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #247)

Sun Boy (Dirk Morgna; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; first appearance; a Legion applicant; appears next, as a Legionnaire, in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #290)

Bouncing Boy (Chuck Taine; real name revealed in *Superman Annual* #4; first appearance; a Legion applicant; appears in flashback on page 9, panel 6 of *Adventure Comics* #301 between page 8, panel 6, and page 9, panel 1 of this story; next chronological appearance in flashback on page 10, panel 2 of *Adventure Comics* #301)

Supporting Characters

Lori Lemaris (in between *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #52 and #53)

Jerro (last seen in the Supergirl story in issue #270; appears next in the Supergirl story in issue #278)

Krypto (last seen in *Superman* #144; appears next in the Supergirl story in the next issue)

Supergirl's Linda Lee robot (last seen in the Supergirl story in issue #274)

Other Characters

Frankie Hudson (first and only appearance to date; a TV star)

Three teenage girls of Midvale Orphanage (first and only appearance to date; **Janice** and **Elaine** named in this story)

Cameo Appearances

Superman, Brainiac, and **Koko** (Brainiac's pet; all appear in flashback to *Superman* #338)

Comments

There is no villain in this story.

This is the last story which mistakenly states that new members are admitted to the Legion only once a year.

Due to the loss of accurate historical records of the 20th century, the account given by Brainiac 5 in this story is not the true final fate of Brainiac.

Synopsis

One year after first meeting the Legion, Supergirl is once again invited to try out for membership. In the 30th century, she is told that new rules allow two new members to join each year, and meets several other applicants, including Brainiac 5, the descendant of the original Brainiac, one of Superman's greatest foes. She distrusts him until, after her own initiation test, he risks his life by giving her his force-

shield belt to protect her from a giant Kryptonite meteor.

Along with Brainiac 5, who allows her to keep the belt, Supergirl is inducted into the Legion. She returns home confident that she'll never have to worry about Kryptonite again; however, an explosion damages the belt beyond repair, and she is vulnerable once more.

Superboy #89

June 1961

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Stan Kaye** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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SUPERBOY
JUNE NO. 89
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
THIS JACK-IN THE-BOX CREATURE HAS TWO HEADS, LITTLE BROTHER! YOU TACKLE ONE HEAD--I'LL TAKE THE OTHER!
A GREAT 2-PART NOVEL "SUPERBOY'S BIG BROTHER!"
I GET IT, MON-EL! THIS IS A DOUBLE-HEADER!

FIRST STORY

"Superboy's Big Brother" (19 pages)
Chapter 2: **"The Secret of Mon-El"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Robert Bernstein**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Guest Star

Mon-El (Lar Gand; real name revealed in issue #129; adopts the 20th century alias "Bob Cobb" in this story; first appearance; origin revealed; next chronological appearance in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #293)

Supporting Characters

Jonathan and **Martha Kent** (both last seen in *Adventure Comics* #284; both appear next in the second story in this issue)

Lana Lang (in between *Adventure Comics* #284 and #285)

Krypto (last seen in *Adventure Comics* #284; appears next in the second story in this issue)

Chief Parker (last seen in the previous issue; as a voice only; appears next in the second story in this issue)

Villains

A gang of criminals (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Ed Locke (first and only appearance to date; a travelling brush salesman)

Miss Joyce (first and only appearance to date; a Smallville High teacher)

The students of Smallville High (last seen in the previous issue; appear next in *Adventure Comics* #285)

King Mycerinus (name changed to Psammetichus when story reprinted in issue #129), **Queen Rhodophis**, and **the people of Ancient Egypt** (first and only appearance to date; miscolored as fair-skinned; skin color is corrected when this story is reprinted in *Adventure Comics* #494)

Cameo Appearances

Jor-El, Lara, and **the citizens of Krypton** (all in flashback)

A Phantom Zone criminal and **projectionist** (in flashback)

Comments

No mention of the Legion of Super-Heroes is made in this story; however, it has been included in this index because of Mon-El's later importance in the group.

Although Superman would search in vain for a cure for years, Mon-El would eventually be released from the Phantom Zone permanently in the 30th century, and cured of his lead poisoning by a serum created by Saturn Girl and perfected by Brainiac 5. This story provides a clue to the element crucial to the serum's long-term effects, Kryptonite, in a scene in which, in the presence of Kryptonite, Mon-El is unaffected by the proximity of lead.

This story is based in part on "Superman's Big Brother" in *Superman* #80, which is the closest Earth-2 counterpart of this story.

Synopsis

One evening outside Smallville, Superboy rescues an older teenager from an exploding rocketship. Although the boy cannot remember his origin, his super-powers, a medal-

lion, and a note written by Superboy's father Jor-El convince them both that he is Superboy's older brother. Christened "Mon-El" after the day he arrived (Monday), he is adopted by the Kents, and takes the secret identity of Bob Cobb, brush salesman.

One night, Superboy notices that Mon-El's belt buckle is made of non-Kryptonian metal. Playing a hunch, he exposes a sleeping Mon-El to Kryptonite and determines that, whoever this stranger is, he is not from Krypton. When the two of them confront a gang of criminals who are catapulting lead boulders on Smallville, Mon-El collapses, the crooks escape, and Superboy is convinced that his new friend is in league with them.

Intent on exposing this ruse, he confiscates the lead boulders and paints them to look like Green Kryptonite, and then arranges a fake meteor shower. Feigning agony, he watches Mon-El weaken; then he stands, accuses him of lying, and shows him the "evidence." However, the exposure to lead has returned Mon-El's memory, and he explains that he is a traveller from a Krypton-like world, Daxam, who landed on Krypton and met Jor-El and Lara shortly before the planet exploded. Moreover, he says, a Daxamite is doomed once exposed to lead.

Fortunately, Superboy is able to save Mon-El's life by projecting him into the Phantom Zone, and vows someday to find a way to free him.

SECOND STORY

"The Super-Cop of Smallville" (8 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **Stan Kaye**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Superboy*.

Superman#147

August 1961

Cover Credits

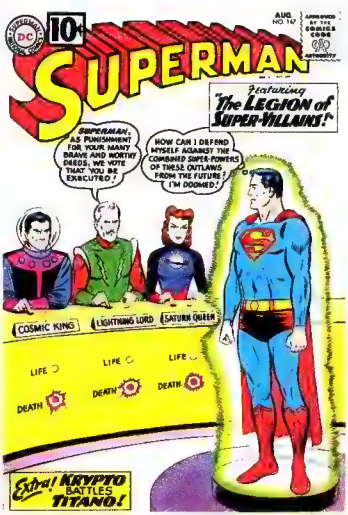
Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Stan Kaye** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Great Mento" (7 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **Al Plastino**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**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featuring The LEGION of SUPER-VILLAINS!
SUPERMAN, AS PUNISHMENT FOR YOUR MANY BRAVE AND WORTHY DEEDS, WE VOTE THAT YOU BE EXECUTED!
HOW CAN I DEFEND MYSELF AGAINST THE COMBINED SUPER-POWERS OF THESE OUTLAWS FROM THE FUTURE? I'M DOOMED!
COSMIC KING
LIGHTNING LORD
SATURN QUEEN
LIFE
DEATH
Extra! KRYPTO BATTLES TITANO!

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Superman*.

SECOND STORY

"Krypto Battles Titano" (8 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Al Plastino**
Inkers: **Kurt Schaffenberger** (Lois Lane faces only) and **Al Plastino**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Superman*.

THIRD STORY

"The Legion of Super-Villains" (11 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**

Inker: **Sheldon Moldoff**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Guest Stars

Cosmic Man, Saturn Woman, and **Lightning Man**; (first appearance of all three; teamed as the **Adult Legion of Super-Heroes**; all appear next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #289; see Comment below)

Villains

Cosmic King (real name unrevealed; first appearance; not to be confused with the teenage Cosmic King introduced in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #2 or the other adult Cosmic King introduced in *Adventure Comics* #331; origin revealed; see Comment below)

Saturn Queen (real name unrevealed; first appearance; not to be confused with the other adult Saturn Queen introduced in *Adventure Comics* #331; origin revealed; see Comment below)

Lightning Lord (Mekt Ranzz; real name revealed in *Adventure Comics* #372; first appearance; not to be confused with the teenage Lightning Lord introduced in *Adventure Comics* #372 or the other adult Lightning Lord introduced in *Adventure Comics* #331; origin revealed; see Comment below; teamed with Cosmic King and Saturn Queen as the **Adult Legion of Super-Villains**; all appear next in *Adventure Comics* #354)

Lex Luthor (in between *Action Comics* #277 and #286)

Other Characters

The warden of Metropolis Prison (last seen in *Action Comics* #277; appears next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #293)

The children of Orphan City (a large orphan asylum; first and only appearance to date)

A lightning-monster of planet Korbal (first appearance; appears in flashback to Lightning Lord's origin; this and other lightning-monsters appear in subsequent flashbacks to the origins of Lightning Lad, Lightning Lord, and Lightning Lass; appears next in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series) #30)

The people of 30th century Venus (in flashback to Cosmic King's origin)

Cameo Appearance

Lois Lane (in Saturn Queen's illusion)

Comment

As theorized for years and finally shown in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #300, the Adult Legion of Super-Heroes actually comes from a future time-line different from that of the Legion of Super-Heroes discussed in this index, thus making this appearance both the first real and first chronological appearance for the Adult Legionnaires, who will continue to make appearances in the Superman Family books througout the 1960s. In this appearance, the Adult Legionnaires wear costumes different from those of their teenage counterparts, and Saturn Woman has brown hair.

The same can be said for the Adult Legion of Super-Villains. This Cosmic King, Lightning Lord, and Saturn Queen also come from a different future time-line and will appear only once more, in the Adult Legion story in *Adventure Comics* #354–355.

Though there is no definitive evidence proving them to be different individuals than their teenage counterparts who have fought the Legion numerous times, their entries in *Who's Who* cast serious aspersions on their claims to be exactly who they say they are.

To cast further confusion on the matter, the "real" Adult Legion of Super-Villains (Cosmic King, Lightning Lord, Chameleon Chief, and Sun Emperor introduced in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #63; Saturn Queen introduced in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #86) may not truly be, as they claim, the adult versions of their teenage counterparts. Because their *Who's Who* entries dispute that claim, for the purposes of this index, the Adult Super-Villains will be considered to be completely distinct from their teenage counterparts.

The cover of this issue reprises the cover of *Adventure Comics* #247.

Synopsis

Lex Luthor, who has known of the existence of the Legion of Super-Heroes for years, theorizes that there should also be a Legion of Super-Villains, and, working from prison, he constructs a device that allows him to contact them. The Super-Villains break him out of jail, and, with him, lure Superman to a remote planetoid and capture him.

However, before these criminals can execute Superman, the adult Legion of Super-Heroes intervenes, and fights the Super-Villains to a standstill. Unable to defeat them, the Legionnaires listen as Luthor challenges them to sacrifice one of their number for Superman. Saturn Woman volunteers, and the villains allow the Man of Steel time to perform one last deed in her honor. With a giant shovel, he gathers some material from the rings of Saturn, and creates a similar ring around the planetoid. When he does, Saturn Queen surprises everyone by suddenly using her powers to defeat her partners.

Superman then explains that he had theorized that radiations from the rings of Saturn would cancel out the evil tendencies of inhabitants of that world. He gives the reformed Saturn Queen a small chunk from the rings that will prevent her from returning to evil, then takes Luthor back to his prison on Earth as the Legionnaires likewise take the Super-Villains to jail.

Adventure Comics #290

November 1961

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Stan Kaye** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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The SECRET of the SEVENTH SUPER-HERO!
HERO...SUN BOY! THIS LEAD CHEST HOLDS THE LAST PART OF THE TERRIBLE INVENTION WHICH THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES DISMANTLED AND BURIED YEARS AGO! WHAT'S INSIDE THE DOXES?... MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T SEE THROUGH LEAD!
BE PATIENT, SUPERBOY! IN A MOMENT, YOU'LL SEE!
HA! LITTLE DOES THE FOOL REALIZE THAT WHEN I ASSEMBLE ALL SIX PARTS, THEY'LL FORM THE ONLY WEAPON WHICH CAN DESTROY SUPERBOY!
PHANTOM GIRL
CHAMELEON BOY
LIGHTNING LAD
SATURN GIRL

FIRST STORY

"The Secret of the Seventh Super-Hero" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

Superboy (last seen in the Superboy story in the previous issue; appears next in *Superboy* #93)

Supporting Characters

Martha Kent (last seen in the Superboy story in the previous issue; appears next in *Superboy* #93)

Lana Lang and **Krypto** (both in between *Superboy* #92 and #93)

Chief Parker (last seen in *Superboy* #92; appears next in the Superboy story in issue #293)

Superboy's robots (last seen in the Superboy story in the previous issue; including robots of Superboy, Clark Kent, Jonathan Kent, Martha Kent, and Lana Lang; appear next in *Superboy* #94)

Villains

Tom Tanner (first and only appearance to date; a juvenile delinquent and Clark Kent look-alike)

A Sun Boy impostor (first and only appearance to date)

Cyclops the Robot (first appearance; destroyed in this story)

Guest Appearances

Cosmic Boy and **Saturn Girl** (both last seen in *Superboy* #86; both appear in flashback which occurs following the flashback on page 10, page 6 of issue #301 and preceding the Superboy story in issue #247; both appear next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #285)

Lightning Lad (last seen in *Superboy* #86; appears in flashback which occurs following the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276 and preceding the Superboy story in issue #247; appears next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #285)

Sun Boy (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; revealed to have joined the Legion in this story; teamed with the above three characters as **the Legion of Super-Heroes**; appears next in *Superman* #152)

Phantom Girl and **Brainiac 5** (last chronological appearance of both in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; both appear in flashback only; next chronological appearance of both, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in issue #247)

Chameleon Boy (last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #276; appears in flashback only; next chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in the Superboy story in issue #247)

Other Characters

The students of Smallville High (last seen in *Superboy* #91; Eddie named in this story; appear next in the Superboy story in the next issue)

An unnamed Smallville High teacher, a milkman, and **a train brakeman** (first and only appearance to date for all)

Cameo Appearances

Triplicate Girl and **Colossal Boy** (as characters in the Sun Boy impostor's story)

Comments

This story is based in part on "The Two Clark Kents" in issue #191.

Following this story, Chameleon Boy helps Superboy preserve his secret identity in *Superboy* #93.

Then, Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, Lightning Lad, and Brainiac 5 provide Supergirl with a weapon with which to defeat the giant Infinite Monster in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #285.

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Synopsis

Tom Tanner, a juvenile delinquent escapee from the state reform school, who bears an uncanny resemblance to Clark Kent, arrives in Smallville and is mistaken for Clark by everyone, even Ma Kent, who unwittingly gives away Superboy's secret identity. Tanner decides that he likes his new life as Clark and intends to remain in his place.

Meanwhile, outside Smallville, Superboy meets with Sun Boy, the newest member of the Legion of Super-Heroes, who has arrived from the future. He explains that he is in the 20th century to gather and return to a secret vault the six pieces of a super-weapon once dismantled and buried in Superboy's time by the Legion. However, once the Boy of Steel gathers the pieces, Sun Boy, actually a villainous impostor, assembles them into a robot which emits a ray that can change good people into evil, and vice versa. He then sends the robot after Clark Kent.

Shortly thereafter, Superboy appears and begins an evil rampage, until such time as the bogus Sun Boy's guard is down. Then he destroys the robot, and takes the villain back to the future, where he explains to the Legion that the impersonator had given himself away by not giving the official Legion handshake.

The "Clark Kent" affected by the robot's ray was Tom Tanner, who as a result is reformed and loses his knowledge of Superboy's secret.

SECOND STORY

"The Invasion of the Bizarro World" (10 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

Feature Character

The Bizarros

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

Adventure Comics #293

February 1962

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Legion of Super-Traitors" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Extra! LEX LUTHOR BECOMES A BIZARRO IN THIS ISSUE!
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The LEGION of SUPER-TRAITORS!
GREAT SCOTT! MY PALS FROM THE FUTURE--LIGHTNING LAD, COSMIC BOY AND SATURN GIRL--ARE KILLING ME WITH DEADLY RAYS FROM THEIR KRYPTONITE RINGS!... SMOKE... WHY?!!

Feature Character

Superboy (last seen in the Superboy story in the previous issue; appears next in the Superboy story in the next issue)

Guest Stars

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and **Lightning Lad;** (all last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #285; teamed as the **Legion of Super-Heroes**; all appear next in *Superman* #152)

Supporting Characters

Jonathan and **Martha Kent, Lana Lang,** and **Chief Parker** (all last seen in the Superboy story in the previous issue; all appear next in the Superboy story in the next issue)

Krypto (last seen in the Superboy story in the previous issue; see second Comment below; appears next in the Superboy story in the next issue)

Superboy's robots (last seen in the Superboy story in the previous issue; appear next in *Superboy* #96)

Villains

The Brain Globes of Rambat (first and only appearance to date)

Jax-Ur (last seen in the Superboy story in issue #289; appear next in the second story in *Superboy* #102)

General Zod (last seen in flashback in the Superboy story in issue #283; appears next in the second story in *Superboy* #109)

Phantom Zone criminals (other than Jax-Ur and General Zod; last seen in the Superboy story in issue #289; appear next in *Superboy* #100)

Guest Appearances

Mon-El (last seen in *Superboy* #89; next chronological appearance in issue #300)

Supergirl (last chronological appearance in *Action Comics* #301; see second Comment below; next chronological apperance in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #70)

Streaky (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #279; see second Comment below; appears next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287)

Beppo (last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #277; see second Comment below; appears next in issue #313)

Comet (Super-Horse; formerly Biron, a centaur, as revealed in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #293; first appearance; last chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #301; see second Comment below; teamed with Krypto, Streaky, and Beppo as the **Legion of Super-Pets**; next chronological appearance in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #302)

Comments

This is the first appearance of the Legion of Super-Pets, who next appear as a team in issue #313.

Krypto appears in this story in between his adventures in Superboy's time-period, while Streaky and Beppo come from the "present" of Superman and Supergirl, and Comet comes from the near-future of Superman and Supergirl. This is Krypto's only appearance with the Super-Pets which takes place while he is still Superboy's pet; in all later Super-Pets appearances, Krypto travels to the 30th century from the same era as the other members, the relative "present" of Superman. Curiously, Saturn Girl does not cause Krypto to forget this encounter, despite the fact that it allows him to know that Streaky and Comet, and thus Supergirl, will exist in the future.

The Time Bubble is referred to as both the Time Cabinet and the Time Sphere in this story.

Synopsis

When powerful alien creatures known as the Brain-Globes of Rambat scheme to move Earth to their own solar system, they realize that they must first subdue Superboy. After unsuccessfully attempting to contol Superboy themselves, they summon the Legionnaires from the Earth's future, and mentally command them to defeat him.

Once this is done, the overconfident Brain-Globes release the heroes from their trance. Together, they are not powerful enough to defeat the aliens, until they notice that the Brain-Globes are incapable of controlling the minds of animals. Manning the Time Sphere, the Legionnaires gather Krypto, Streaky, Beppo, and Comet (aka Super-Dog, Super-Cat, Super-Monkey, and Super-Horse), who, united as the Legion of Super-Pets, defeat the Brain-Globes. The Legion returns them to their proper time eras before Superboy recovers to dismantle the Brain Globes' machines. Superboy remains unaware of the pets' involvement, and thus unaware of the future existence of Supergirl.

SECOND STORY

"The Good Deeds of Bizarro-Luthor" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **John Forte**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Feature Character

The Bizarros

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Adventure Comics*.

Superman #152

April 1962

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Robot Master" (9 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Guest Stars

Cosmic Boy and **Lightning Lad** (last chronological appearance of both in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #293; next chronological appearance of both in flashback on page 12, panel 5 of *Adventure Comics* #301)

Saturn Girl (last chronological appearance in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #293; next chronological appearance in flashback on page 11, panel 5 of *Adventure Comics* #301)

Chameleon Boy (last seen in *Superboy* #93; next chronological appearance in flashback on page 13, panel 1 of *Adventure Comics* #301)

Brainiac 5 (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action*

Comics #285; appears next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287)

Sun Boy (last seen in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #290; teamed with the above five characters as the **Legion of Super-Heroes**; next chronological appearance in flashback on page 12, panel 5 of *Adventure Comics* #301)

Guest Appearances

Supergirl (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #286; appears next in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #60)

Fred and **Edna Danvers** (last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #286; appear next in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #287)

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SUPERMAN
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CHALLENGE TO THE READER! CAN YOU GUESS THE SECRET IDENTITY OF... "The ROBOT MASTER!"?
SORRY, SUPERMAN! THAT INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN IMPLANTED IN OUR MECHANICAL BRAINS BY THE ROBOT MASTER! AND DESPITE YOUR SUPER-POWERS, YOU WILL NEVER GUESS WHO HE IS!
YOU FAKES! YOU'RE ROBOT IMITATIONS OF PERRY, JIMMY AND LOIS! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY BEST FRIENDS? AND WHAT'S YOUR GAME?

Other Characters

Robots of Lois Lane, Jimmy Olsen, and **Perry White** (first and only appearance to date; created by the Legion)

Cameo Appearances

Jor-El, Lara, Lois Lane, Perry White, and **Jimmy Olsen** (all as statues in the Fortress of Solitude)

Comments

There is no villain in this story, as the Legion of Super-Heroes stages a hoax on Superman.

Bouncing Boy, who does not appear in this story, joins the Legion of Super-Heroes shortly after this story, as seen in flashback in *Adventure Comics* #301.

Synopsis

Superman discovers that his best friends have all been replaced by robots, creations of "The Robot Master." Together with Supergirl, he takes the mechanical impostors to the Fortress of Solitude for investigation, where he learns that the "Robot Master" is a hoax perpetrated by the Legion of Super-Heroes as part of a celebration of the anniversary of Supergirl's arrival on Earth. Inside the robots are concealed special commemorative busts of the Legionnaires.

SECOND STORY

"Superbaby Captures the Pumpkin Gang" (9 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **George Papp**
Letterer: **Joe Letterese**

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Superman*.

THIRD STORY

"The TV Trap for Superman" (8 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **Al Plastino**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Superman*.

Action Comics #287

April 1962

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"Perry White's Manhunt for Superman" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

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Feature Character

Superman

Comment

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GET HIM, KRYPTO! HE'S NOT YOUR MASTER... HE'S PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 MASQUERADING AS SUPERMAN! SEE HOW THAT STEEL TRAP IS HOLDING HIM? THAT PROVES HE ISN'T INVULNERABLE!
WHAT A WEIRD END TO MY CAREER NOW THAT I'VE LOST MY SUPER-POWERS! I CAN'T CONVINCE THEM I REALLY AM SUPERMAN! I'LL BE CAPTURED LIKE AN ORDINARY CRIMINAL

SECOND STORY

"Supergirl's Greatest Challenge" (14 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **Jim Mooney**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Supergirl (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #60; appears next, as Linda Lee, in *Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane* #33)

Guest Stars

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and **Lightning Lad** (mistakenly called Lightning Boy in this story; last chronological appearance in flashback on page 13, panel 1 of *Adventure Comics* #301; all appear next, behind the scenes, in *Superboy* #98)

Triplicate Girl (last chronological appearance in flashback on page 13, panel 1 of *Adventure Comics* #301; appears next in *Superman* #156)

Chameleon Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback on page 13, panel 1 of *Adventure Comics* #301; appears next in flashback in the second story in *Superboy* #100)

Brainiac 5 (in between *Superman* #152 and #156)

Sun Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback on page 13, panel 1 of *Adventure Comics* #301; appears next in *Adventure Comics* #300)

Bouncing Boy (last chronological appearance in flashback on page 13, panel 1 of *Adventure Comics* #301; teamed with the above seven characters as the **Legion of Super-Heroes**; appears next in *Adventure Comics* #301)

Supporting Characters

Fred and **Edna Danvers** (last seen in *Superman* #152; appear next in the Supergirl story in the next issue)

Streaky (last seen in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #293; appears next in *Superman* #154)

Villains

Positive Man and **Negative Creature** (first and only appearances to date; see third Comment below)

The Chameleon Men (first and only appearance to date of these particular aliens; revealed as members of a tribe of Chameleon Boy's race, the Durlans, other than Chameleon Boy's tribe, in *Adventure Comics* #496; not to be confused with their 1940s Earth-2 counterparts who appear in *All-Star Comics* #56)

Robot thieves and **an unnamed masked thief** (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearance

Lois Lane (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #60; appears next in *Superman* #153)

Other Characters

Whizzy (first and only appearance to date; a 30th century descendant of Streaky)

Members of the Midvale Chapter of the Superman Fan Club (first and only appearance to date; **Margie** and **Ethel** named in this story)

Three forest rangers (first and only appearances to date; **Joe** named in this story)

Lon Duryal (first and only appearance to date; chief scientist at the Android Factory)

Tree-Men (first and only appearance to date; creatures of planet Arbro)

The citizens of 30th century Metropolis (last chronological appearance in the Legion origin story in *Superboy* #147; appear next in *Adventure Comics* #301)

Guest Appearances

Lois Lane (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #60; appears next in *Superman* #153)

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Cameo Appearance

Superman (in pictures and as statuettes)

Comments

The Legion is incorrectly said to exist in the 21st century in this story.

The Science Police are called the Earth Police in this story.

Positive Man and Negative Creature may have been hurled into another dimension, but certainly are not destroyed when they vanish in this story, since Supergirl would never deliberately destroy life.

Supergirl incorrectly assumes that no inhabitants remain in the Phantom Zone in the Legion's era in this story. Actually, Mon-El still remains in the Zone, as seen in *Adventure Comics* #300, as does "the Mighty Gazor," as revealed in *Adventure Comics* #323. Due to the vastness of the Phantom Zone, however, Supergirl does not encounter any of its remaining inhabitants, and leaps to an incorrect conclusion.

Following this story, Phantom Girl presents Supergirl with a commemorative Supergirl statuette in the Supergirl story in issue #290.

Synopsis

The Legion of Super-Heroes summons Supergirl to defeat the Positive Man, a once-human changed into a massive destructive force by the explosion of his home planet. As they watch from their spaceship, the Maid of Might lures a Negative Creature, created by the same explosion, toward the Positive Man, and the resulting explosion causes both to vanish.

Upon returning to Earth, the Legionnaires learn that this explosion has also erased their powers. Supergirl decides to stay with them, and, working behind the scenes with Whizzy, the telepathic descendant of Streaky (aka Super-Cat), helps the Legion deceive criminals into thinking that they still possess their abilities.

However, the real reason that the Legionnaires are powerless is that they are actually members of an alien chameleon-like race who, in the aftermath of the positive-negative explosion, imprisoned the real Super-Heroes and took their places. Having fooled Supergirl and Whizzy, they project them into the Phantom Zone.

From here, the phantom heroes mentally command a scientist at an android factory to construct a bogus chameleon man, who infiltrates the Legion impostors and releases Supergirl and Whizzy from the Zone. Supergirl captures the aliens and rescues the real Legion.

Action Comics #289

June 1958

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

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I'M SO HAPPY FOR SUPERMAN BUT HOW STRANGE THAT THE WOMAN HE IS FINALLY GOING TO WED LOOKS EXACTLY AS I WILL WHEN I GROW UP!

FIRST STORY

"The Super-Practical Joker" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **Al Plastino**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Superman

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Action Comics*.

SECOND STORY

"Superman's Super-Courtship" (12 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler, inker: **Jim Mooney**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Feature Character

Supergirl (appears next in *Superman* #154)

Guest Stars

Superman (last seen in the first story in this issue; appears next in *World's Finest Comics* #126)

Cosmic Man and **Lightning Man** (both in between *Superman* #147 and #155)

Saturn Woman (in between *Superman* #147 and #165)

Triplicate Woman (see second Comment below) and **Phantom Woman** (first appearance of both; both appear next in *Adventure Comics* #354)

Chameleon Man (first appearance; appears next in the Adult Legion vignette in *Legion of Super-Heroes* (second series) #300)

Brainiac 5 (first appearance; not to be confused with his younger counterpart; appears next in *Adventure Comics* #354)

Sun Man (first appearance; teamed with the above seven characters as the **Adult Legion of Super-Heroes**; appears next, behind the scenes, in *Superman* #213)

Supporting Characters

Fred Danvers (appears next in issue #291) and **Edna Danvers**

Other Characters

Helen of Troy, Rhondous (court advisor of King Tyndareus), **Patronius** (his aide), **a minotaur and a unicorn,** and **the people of ancient Troy**

Luma Lynai (first and only appearance to date; superheroine of planet Staryl; resembles Supergirl as an adult)

Cameo Appearances

Cupid

An unnamed alien friend of Superman (as a character in Supergirl's dream)

Cleopatra (as a picture in a history book)

Comments

There is no villain in this story, as Supergirl schemes to improve Superman's romantic life.

Since the Adult Legion of Super-Heroes exists in an alternate future of the Legion's timeline, it cannot be assumed that Triplicate Girl lost one of her bodies to Computo and became Duo Damsel in this reality; thus, although not named in this story, she may be assumed to be called Triplicate Woman as an adult.

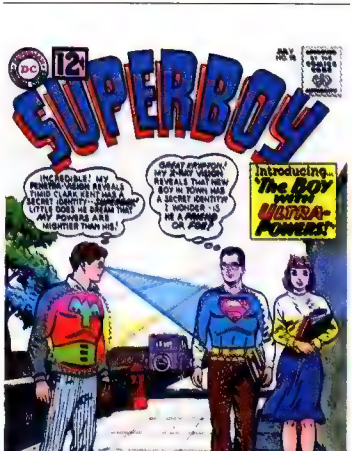
Synopsis

Supergirl embarks on a campaign to see Superman happily married. Travelling into the past, she unsuccessfully attempts to interest him in Helen of Troy. Her similar effort in the future era of the Legion of Super-Heroes also fails, when she learns that Saturn Woman, the adult Saturn Girl, is already married to Lightning Man, the adult Lightning Lad.

Finally, she locates Superman's ideal mate on a distant world, where Luma Lynai, a superwoman who resembles Supergirl herself as an adult, falls in love with the Man of Steel. When it turns out that Luma Lynai cannot survive on Earth, however, the couple are forced to part, and Supergirl learns not to interfere in her cousin's love life.

Superboy #98

July 1962



Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **George Klein** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"The Super-Student of Swankhurst Academy" (13 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**
Penciler, inker: **Al Plastino**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Superboy*.

SECOND STORY

"The Boy With Ultra-Powers"

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Jerry Siegel**
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Guest Star

Ultra Boy (Jo Nah; super-hero name spelled Ultra-Boy and real name misspelled Jo-Nah in this story; uses the 20th century alias "Gary Crane" in this story; first appearance; origin revealed; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Adventure Comics* #316; joins the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; appears next in the second story in issue #100)

Supporting Characters

Jonathan Kent (last seen in the first story in this issue; appears next in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #298)

Lana Lang (last seen in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #297; appears next in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #298)

Pete Ross (last seen in issue #96; becomes an honorary member of the Legion of Super-Heroes in this story; appears next in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #298)

Krypto (appears next in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #298)

Superboy's robots (last seen in issue #96; appear next in issue #100)

Villain

An unnamed crook (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearances

Cosmic Boy, Saturn Girl, and **Lightning Lad** (all last seen in the Supergirl story in *Adventure Comics* #287; behind the scenes; teamed as the **Legion of Super-Heroes**; all appear next in *Adventure Comics* #300)

Other Characters

Marla Latham (last name revealed in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1; last chronological appearance in flashback in *Secrets of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #1; uses the 20th century alias "Ben Crane" in this story; first appearance; the Legion's Senior Advisor; appears next in the Legion of Super-Heroes story in *Action Comics* #392)

Principal Danforth (last seen in issue #88; appears next in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #302)

The people of Smallville (last seen in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #297; appear next in the Superboy story in *Adventure Comics* #298)

Donald Mace (a photographer), **E.W. Lemley** (a bank manager) and **other bank employees** (first and only appearance of all to date)

An unnamed Science Police officer (first and only appearance to date; called a Galactic Patrolman in this story; in flashback to Ultra Boy's origin; see second Comment below)

Comments

Ultra Boy uses only his power of penetra-vision in this story.

The Science Police are referred to as the Galactic Patrol in this story.

Synopsis

A costumed youth called Ultra Boy secretly arrives in Smallville with his adult mentor, Marla, intent upon discovering Superboy's secret identity. Ultra Boy at first suspects that Pete Ross is the Boy of Steel, but then correctly deduces that Clark Kent is actually Superboy.

When Pete accidentally becomes locked in a bank vault, Ultra Boy's power of penetra-vision which, unlike Superboy's super-vision, can melt and see through lead, enables him to assist Superboy in rescuing Pete. He then reveals that he is a time-traveler from the future planet Rimbor and an applicant for membership in the Legion of Super-Heroes, who have assigned him the task of unmasking Superboy as an initiation test. Having completed the test, he and Marla, actually the Legion's Senior Advisor, return to the future.

Superman #155

August 1962

Cover Credits

Artists: **Curt Swan** (penciler) and **Sheldon Moldoff** (inker)
Letterer: **Ira Schnapp**

FIRST STORY

"Superman Under the Green Sun" (17 pages)
Part 2: **"The Blind Superman"**

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **Edmond Hamilton**
Penciler, inker: **Wayne Boring**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**

Comment

This story is fully indexed in the projected volume of this Index pertaining to *Superman*.

SECOND STORY

"The Downfall of Superman" (8 pages)

Credits

Editor, plotter: **Mort Weisinger**
Plotter, scripter: **unknown**

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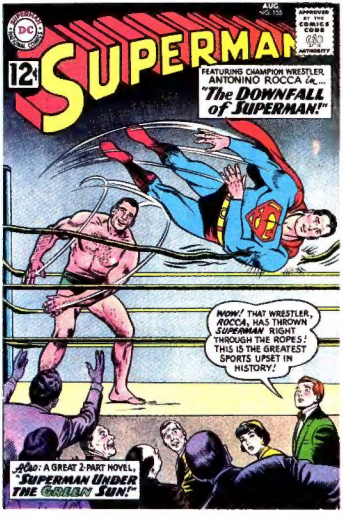
Penciler: **Curt Swan**
Inker: **George Klein**
Letterer: **Milton Snapinn**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"The DOWNFALL of SUPERMAN!"
WOW! THAT WRESTLER, ROCCA, HAS THROWN SUPERMAN RIGHT THROUGH THE ROPES! THIS IS THE GREATEST SPORTS UPSET IN HISTORY!
ALSO: A GREAT 2-PART NOVEL, "SUPERMAN UNDER THE GREEN SUN!"

Guest Stars

Cosmic Man (disguised as Hercules in this story) and **Lightning Man** (disguised as Samson in this story; both last seen in the Supergirl story in *Action Comics* #289; both appear next in *Adventure Comics* #354)

Supporting Characters

Lois Lane and **Jimmy Olsen** (both last seen in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #290; both appear next in *Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane* #35)

Krypto (last seen in the Superman story in *Action Comics* #290; disguised as Mr. Mxyzptlk in this story)

Villains

Duke Marple and **his men** (first and only appearance to date; gangsters)

Other Characters

Antonino Rocca of Earth-1 (first appearance; a famous wrestler; not to be confused with his "Earth-Real" counterpart; disguised as Superman in this story)

A group of news photographers (first and only appearance to date)

An unnamed wrestling referee (first and only appearance to date)

The people of Metropolis (last seen in *Superman's Pal Jimmy Olsen* #62; appear next in *Superman's Girl Friend Lois Lane* #35)

Comment

Cosmic Man and Lightning Man use armband devices to time-travel in this story only.

Synopsis

When Superman stages a wrestling exhibition for charity with famed wrestler Antonino Rocca, Mr. Mxyzptlk appears and gives Rocca greater strength than the Man of Steel, enabling him to defeat not only Superman, but also Hercules and Samson, whom Mxyzptlk summons from the distant past.

Witnessing this, gangster Duke Marple forces Rocca to use his new-found might to retrieve Marple's hidden loot which had been sealed in a cave by an avalanche. When Marple then attempts to murder the wrestler, he is astonished to find that Rocca is invulnerable to his bullets. Then Superman, Samson, and Hercules arrive on the scene and prevent the crooks' getaway, using powers of electricity and magnetism.

The entire scenario had been arranged by Superman in order to discover the hiding place of Marple's loot. Superman and Rocca had exchanged identities to make it seem that Rocca had super-strength, while Cosmic Man and Lightning Man of the Adult Legion of Super-Heroes had posed as Hercules and Samson, and the phony Mr. Mxyzptlk had actually been Superman's pet, Krypto, his voice supplied by his master's super-ventriloquism.

A Brief Explanation of the DC Comics Index

This is the sixth in an ongoing series of comprehensive indexes to all of the DC Comics to appear since the company began publishing in 1935. In this series, we intend to examine every issue of every DC comic book and to provide you with a color reproduction of the comic's cover, a complete listing of the creative people involved in producing the comic, a complete listing of all of the characters who appear in each story, a summary of what happened in each adventure, and various other information.

It is our goal that every DC comic title will get a series of *The DC Comics Index* devoted solely to it. Heroes who have headlined in more than one title—notably, Superman and Batman—will have a separate series of the *Index* devoted to each title. In the case of some (but not all) features which have migrated from one title to another—such as *Legion of Super-Heroes*, which appeared in *Adventure Comics*, *Action Comics*, and *Superboy* before being awarded a comic bearing the name of the feature—we will bring together all appearances of the feature in one index series. Maxi-Series, Mini-Series, and features with short life spans will be indexed in related groups.

All comics indexed in a series will run in serial order, beginning with the first issue or the earliest issue that features the series being indexed. For instance, *The Official Superman Index* will begin with *Superman* #1, while *The Official Teen Titans Index* will begin with *The Brave and the Bold* #54, the first comic to feature the group of heroes who would become the Teen Titans. Non-DC Universe stories that appear in DC Comics are not fully indexed or synopsized. Each of the index entries is as self-explanatory as possible. Some of the criteria we used to create an index entry are provided below.

Cover Credits

It usually takes many people to produce a comic book cover, from conception and design through coloring and production, and it is impossible to credit them all. The Artist, responsible for the basic execution of the cover, does the lion's share of the work. If more than one artist works on a cover, some usually pencil and the others usually ink. The artist sometimes works from someone else's layout or design, and sometimes someone else touches up or redraws parts of the picture. Design work, layouts, touch-ups, and other ancillary work are not usually credited in the Cover Credits.

The Letterer hand-letters any captions or word balloons on the cover other than the logo. It is impossible to guess the letterer when the lettering is mechanically typeset or laid down from transfers, so such lettering is called "typographical."

Records of artists and letterers are sometimes unavailable, particularly for covers that appeared many years ago, so the identities of some cover artists and letterers are the best guesses that the indexers and DC's current editors and art staff can make. Credits other than Artist or Artists and Letterer appear where known.

Story Information

Story titles are given as they appear on the title pages, not as on the covers or in coming attractions. When a story lacks a title or title page (a rare occurrence), a note to this effect appears as a Comment.

Story credits are taken from the credits as published. As with cover credits, it is impossible to credit everybody who worked on a story, but whenever additional information is available, it appears in the *Index*. If the published credits in a story are incorrect, the *Index* corrects them wherever possible.

Characters

All major characters, and most minor ones, are classified into seven categories, although all seven may not be needed to fully index a story. Bystanders, random police officers, random gangsters, background characters, and so forth, are not usually listed unless they appear elsewhere in more prominent roles.

The seven character categories are: Feature Characters, characters to whom the title of the feature refers; Guest Stars, characters from other comics who have a major role in the story; Supporting Characters, characters who appear frequently in stories with the feature character(s); Villains, the antagonists of the feature character(s); Guest Appearances, characters from other comics who have a minor role in the story; Other Characters, characters who do not fall into any of the five previous categories; and Cameo Appearances, characters who do not actually appear in a story but whose images are seen, for example, in photographs, flashbacks, or reminiscences.

The Feature Character is listed only when not obvious from the title of the comic. For example, Superman is always the only feature character in his own comic, but the lineup of the Justice League of America changes occasionally, which requires a Feature Character listing for each indexed issue of *Justice League of America*. Guest Stars are usually major characters who have their own comics, but any character can be a Guest Star. The only qualifications are that the character not usually appear in the comic and that he or she take a major role in the story that is not antagonistic to the feature character(s). A Guest Appearance may be very brief; even a one-panel appearance or an off-panel appearance (for example, in a telephone conversation) counts, as long as the character is physically present.

"Behind the scenes" describes characters who don't appear in a story but whose influence is felt, as, for example, when a Villain works through agents.

There are two different kinds of flashbacks: (1) flashbacks to stories previously told (all of the characters appearing in the flashbabck are listed under Cameo Appearances unless they make physical appearances elsewhere in the story) and (2) flashbacks to events previously untold (appearances of all the characters in the flashback are treated as physical appearances; many origins are told in such flashbacks, for example). Parenthetical notes to characters' names in the listings explain these special appearances.

Chronology

A time line for all of DC's comics that allows proper chronological ordering of the appearances of every DC character is far from complete. Nevertheless, some appearances are known to precede or follow others. Whenever chronological information is known reliably but is not obvious from the continuity of the stories, it is noted in parentheses. "First appearance" accompanies a character's listing when the comic is the earliest one in which the character appears. A first appearance is not necessarily a character's chronologically earliest appearance, which might occur, for example, in an origin flashback first told many years later. As a general rule, in the case of feature characters who are members of a team but who also appear in their own features or comics, issue-by-issue chronological notations for these characters are made in the indexes to their own features, not in the index to the team feature. For instance, Superman's chronology is noted in *The Official Superman Index*, not in the *The Official Justice League of America Index*.

A casual reading of a few Plot Synopses will make it abundantly clear that a whole month does not usually pass for the characters in between monthly issues of a comic. Many issues begin hours or even minutes after the previous month's story. Consequently, a character who has had his own feature for ten years will not have aged ten years in the time it took for those comics to come out. As for trying to determine in what year a given adventure takes place, there's no conclusive answer. Specific dates that appear in stories, as well as mention of current events and popular culture, depictions of contemporary fashions, and usage of contemporary slang, are all what is know as Topical References. These are specific details added by a writer or artist to a story to make it seem current at the time the story is being published. They are not necessarily indicators of when—what year or even what decade—a story took place.

A Personal Note

As should be obvious to anyone owning both this work and *The Official Marvel Comics Index*, the format and design of this book (not to mention the wording of this introduction) owe a great debt to my good friend, George Olshevsky, author of the Marvel Index series, with whose permission I have appropriated both his layout and his succint prose.

Anyone wishing to contact me with comments, criticisms, and/or additional data for inclusion in possible future updates may do so at the address below. My thanks to all those who have already written to me. It is unfortunately impossible for me to reply to each of you personally, but rest assured that your comments are read and carefully considered.

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